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ABSTRACT

There is a great need for very easy reading materials, equivalent in reading level to first and second grades but adult in subject matter and illustration for adult basic education students. This annotated bibliography is designed to be an easy guide to suitable materials for adult educators and librarians for use by students in adult basic education. The entries are grouped under fiction and nonfiction titles. The full bibliographic citation, reading level, annotation and evaluation of the item are given for each entry. There is an author index and a title index. (SJ)

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Foreword

The bibliography which follows is primarily designed to offer adult educators and librarians an easy guide to materials suitable for students of Adult Basic Education. The titles are taken from a comprehensive listing of books available in the Austin Public Library and the Texas State Library. Reading levels established in this publication are comparable to those set forth by publishing houses dealing with related material.

The Texas State Library, the Austin Public Library, the Texas Education Agency and the Extension Teaching and Field Service Bureau of the University of Texas at Austin combined efforts to catalogue these materials and publish this bibliography.

Introduction

As Adult Basic Education got underway in branches of the Austin Public Library, it soon became evident that the library had very little material suitable for the kind of people that were attending classes. A tremendous need was recognized for very easy reading materials, equivalent in reading level to first and second grades but adult in subject matter and illustration. Cultural relevancy was also found to be an important characteristic to be considered in book selection.

Unfortunately, there is very little available that meets these criteria. For the most part, the material that claims to be designed for Adult Education is beyond the beginning reading level and childish in presentation as well. At the same time, there is very little that even claims to be Adult Education, although the past year has indicated that the trend may be changing.

Because relatively few publishers even had lists of so-called Adult Education books, some other criteria had to be found for deciding what to buy. Juvenile lists, particularly those designed to meet special reading problems, offered many possibilities because of lower reading levels. However, most titles were eliminated because of a juvenile orientation. Selection was thus narrowed down to the few things in the catalogs that indicated that they might be adult in interest level, but at the same time, easy in reading level. Most of these tend

to cluster around the 4th to 6th grade reading level. The need for beginning reading materials is still essentially unmet.

At this point, it is difficult to accurately evaluate much of the material. The Austin program was several months underway before very much of the material started arriving. Furthermore, the majority of the students, at the beginning, did not speak English or read at all, so that only the handful of appropriate books at the most basic level have been useful with many people. However, all material received has been examined and some opinion has been formulated about its potential use in this type of program. Through this examination it has also become clearer what kind of material is needed. Important characteristics for Adult Basic Education Supplementary material at the lower levels are:

1. That it not have advanced vocabulary
2. That there not be too many words on a page
3. That any material be well-illustrated; photographs are particularly appropriate
4. That it not "talk down" to adults
5. That it portray adults rather than children and that situations be ones that adults could relate to

There is not nearly so crucial a problem in serving the more advanced students as there are some books in the juvenile section that will be suitable for them, if these books can only be located. At all levels, fiction is harder to find than non-fiction because fiction nearly always is about people and at these lower reading levels the people in the books are too young to be of

interest to adult students.

In the evaluations which follow, it must be understood that nothing has had prolonged use and therefore, to some extent, all evaluations are personal. Where "field-tested" has been marked, the indication is simply that materials have been used with several students under the supervision of a teacher and librarian and with some type of discussion following. In this way it was possible to determine, to some extent, what benefits were derived from the materials. The opinions expressed, are of course, in terms of the Austin program. "Good" means that the material is good for the type of things that it is--that is, for the subject matter, reading level and its potential interest to the people who will be reading it. Where "especially recommended" is part of the annotation, it means that the Austin program has had particular success with that material. Some of the titles which follow were not chosen individually, but as part of a multi-book set, which may explain the unlikeliness of some things. There are still some subject areas in which there is a decided lack, as well as a great shortage of material for people with a 1st to 6th grade reading ability.

Subject Index
Nonfiction

AFRICA--DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

916.3
EN

Engelbert, Victor; Camera on Africa; Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich; 1970; 87 pp.; Illus with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A photographic journey through Africa with an accompanying essay.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

960
ST

Sterling, Thomas; Exploration of Africa; American Heritage Publishing Co.; 153 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 9 and up GED preparation

A full description of Africa--its history, geography, heroes and the mystery of the Interior. Generously illustrated with color and black and white drawings and photographs.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AFRICA--HISTORY

960
DA

Davidson, Basil; A Guide to African History; Doubleday; 1969; 112 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Attacks the theory that the African past was savage and barbaric and tells the story of the proud African people from their earliest origins.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AIR POLLUTION

614.71
PE

Perera, Thomas and Orlowsky, Wallace; Who Will Clean The Air?; Putman's; 1971; 47 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Explains the problem of pollution and what is being done about it nationally.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AMERICAN LITERATURE

818.61 KI — Killilea, Marie; Abridged by Florette Henry; Noble and Noble (a Falcon Book); 1967; 123 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The true story of the author's daughter and her struggle to stay alive from the day of her birth.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

ANTHROPOLOGY

572 ST — Stilwell, Hart; Looking at Man's Past; Steck-Vaughn; 1965; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Arouses interest in man's past by explaining how anthropologists learn about early man and describes the races of mankind today.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

ARFONS, ART

796.72 KA — Katz, Frederic; Art Arfons, Fastest Man on Wheels; McGraw-Hill; Adapted by Laurence Swineburn; 1965; 83 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

An adaptation of a biography of Art Arfons, the race car driver, told in simple narrative.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: fair

ARMS AND ARMOR

399 NI — Nickel, Helmut; Arms and Armor in Africa; Atheneum; 1971; pp.; Illus. with drawings and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The text and illustrations of this book show the oldest tools and weapons that have been gathered from various parts of Africa. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ART--AFRICAN

709.6
GL

Glubok, Shirley; The Art of Africa; Harper and Row; 1965; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs of works of art.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Excellent photographs of works of African art with brief, easy comments on each Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

ART--MEXICAN

709.011
GL

Glubok, Shirley; Art of Ancient Mexico; Harper and Row; 1968; 41 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An art presentation through photographs of ancient Mexican and Indian civilizations. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

ASTRONOMY

523.2
FR

Freeman, Mae and Ira; The Sun, The Moon and the Stars; Random House; 1967; 61 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explains basic concepts and parts of the Universe in simple language.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Universal Education and Visual Arts. Understanding Astronomy; 6 filmstrips and 3 records, with Teacher's Guide; un-numbered frames.

1) Planet Earth
2) The Moon, Earth's Satellite
3) Astroids, Comets and Meteors
4) Billions of Stars
5) The Sun, Our Daytime Star
6) Our Solar System

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A Colorful, interesting presentation of a great deal of information.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ATOM

Universal Education. Atomic Physics--Of the Atom; 3 filstrips and a record, with Teacher's Guide; un-numbered frames

1) The Secret of Matter
2) The Interior of the Atom
3) Nuclear Energy at Man's Service

Comprehension level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Colorful, well-organized historical background of the atom. Much information, simply presented.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUSTRALIA--DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

994 BA Baker, Eleanor Z.; Australia Today; Steck-Vaughn; 1969; 86 pp.; Illus. with 80 color and black and white photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Informative trip through Australia showing all aspects of the life there and how it differs from other countries of the world.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUSTRIA--DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

914.36 HO — Hoffman, G. W.; Austria; Fideler; 1968; 160 pp.; Illus. with black and white photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 — Mott 1900 Series

A quick tour of Austria, its people and culture, through numerous photographs.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUTOMOBILE RACING

796.72 JA — Jackson, Robert B.; Championship Trail; Walck; 1970; 72 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The story of the Championship Trail--that series of races of which the Indianapolis 500 is the highlight--and the men and cars that participate.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

796.72 ST — Stambler, Irwin; Great Moments in Auto Racing; Scholastic; Four Winds Press; 1968; 160 pp.; Illus. with color and black and white photos

Reading level: Grades 9 and up — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

A well-illustrated effort to capture the excitement of some of the world's biggest auto races.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUTOMOBILES

629.2 LO — Lord, Beman; Look at Cars; Henry Z. Walck; 1970; 46 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 — Mott 1300 Series

Story of cars and car racing from 1769 until today with interesting

comments on how the sport developed.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUTOMOBILES--DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Lent, Henry; The "X" Cars: Detroit's One-of-a-Kind Autos; Putnam's; 1970; 127 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

"X" means experimental, and this book vividly describes and illustrates the "X" cars and the contribution they have made to automobile improvements and safety.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

AUTOMOBILES--HISTORY

Rachlis, Eugene; Early Automobiles; Western Publishing Company; 1968; 78 pp. Illus. with drawings and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The exciting story of early automobiles, their design problems and solutions with clear illustrations.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BARTON, CLARA

921
B285M

Mann, Peggy; Clara Barton, Battlefield Nurse; 1969; Coward-McCann (Famous Women Biographies); 124 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Describes in lively but simple terms the life of the brave woman who founded the American Red Cross.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BEAUTY- PERSONAL

646.72
VO

Voege, Ray; Beauty Secrets for the Black Woman; Cornerstone Library; 1970; 96 pp. Illus. with photographs and how-to drawings.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

Written by a make-up artist for NBC, this book points out the special beauty problems of black women and how they can use make-up most effectively. Recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BECKWORTH, JIM

921
B388F

Felton, Harold W.; Jim Beckworth, Negro Mountain Man; Dodd, Mead, Co.; 1966; 173 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of a black American hero who helped in breaking the first trails through the West. Based on Beckworth's autobiography published in 1856.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BETHUNE, MARY MCLEOD

921
B465C

Carruth, Ella Kaiser; She Wanted to Read--The story of Mary McLeod Bethune; Abingdon Press; 1966; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a distinguished black lady who wanted desperately to learn and to bring learning to others and the hope she gave her people.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BIOGRAPHY

920
GE

Gelfand, Ravina and Patterson, Letha; They Wouldn't Quit; Lerner Publications; 1962; 56 pp.; Illustrated with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 5-8 Mott 1600 Series and 1900 Series

Short stories about thirteen people who succeed in their life work and in achieving happiness in spite of being handicapped.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Koschnick, Kay, (ed.); I Am One of These; New Reader's Press; 1970; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A compilation of stories that have appeared in the New Reader's Press weekly newspaper, News For You. All of them are about people who are overcoming handicaps of one kind or another.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

920 MA McAdam, Robert; Viva Gonzales; Bowmar; 1971; 65 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Eight short stories of persons in sports who overcame great obstacles to go on to success. The title refers to Pancho Gonzales, the great tennis player.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BOTANY

587 HA Hage, M. K. and De Vault, M. Vere; Botany; Steck-Vaughn; 1966; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-6 Mott 1300 and 1600 Series

Answers elementary questions about the happenings of the natural world. The life processes of plants are discussed as well as their importance to human life. Childish illustrations.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

BOXING

Blackhawk Distributors. Fight Films. 8 mm.

1) Jack Dempsey's Greatest Fights
2) Famous Fights
   A. Cassius Clay vs. Cleveland Williams
   B. Jack Johnson vs. Stanley Ketchel
3) Fight of the Champions--Joe Frazier vs. Muhammad Ali

All levels

Good as attention getters to be shown in public places such as community centers.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

BROWN, JIM

796.33 KL Klein, Larry; Jim Brown: The Running Back; Putnam; 1965; 158 pp.; Illus. with some photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Jim Brown and his football career.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CANADA

Scott Education Division. Canada--Our Great Northern Neighbor; 2 filmstrips and cassettes with Teacher's Guide.

Comprehension level: Grades 7-12 Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Geographic and historical overview of Canada. Presents problems and ties between the United States and Canada. Beautiful pictures; Pro-American in approach.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CARVER, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Epstein, Sam and Beryl; George Washington Carver; Dell Publishing Co.-Yearling Books; 1960; 79 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

In easy-to-read vocabulary, tells how George Washington Carver made his way through life to become a world famous teacher and scientist.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CHAVEZ, CESAR

921 C398T Terzian, James P. and Kathryn Cramer; Mighty Hard Road; Doubleday; 1963; 136 pp. Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of Cesar Chavez who helped the farm workers in their truggle for greater law protection

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CHICAGO--FIRE, 1871

977.31 PH Phelan, Mary Kay; Story of the Great Chicago Fire; Thomas Crowell; 1971; 191 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Careful research and a sense of drama on the part of the author make this an exciting presentation of a well-known event.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CHISHOLM, SHIRLEY

921 C4471B Brownmiller, Susan; Shirley Chisholm; Doubleday; 1970; 141 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The inspiring story of American's first black Congresswoman and the way she's been "socking it" to the Congress ever since her election

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CIVIL RIGHTS

323.4 CO — Cohen, Tom; Three Who Dared; Doubleday (Signal Books); 1969; 144 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The true stories of three young men--two of them white, one of them black--who dared to go South and help in the Civil Rights fight for freedom.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CLOTHING AND DRESS--HISTORY

391 HA — Harris, Christie and Johnson, Moira; Figleafing through History: the Dynamics of Dress; Atheneum, 1971; 246 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up, GED Preparation

Traces the development of man's dress since men first roamed the African plains and describes accompanying lifestyles and events.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

COLOR--OF ANIMALS

591.5 SE — Selsam, Millicent E.; Hidden Animals; Harper and Row; 1969; 63 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

An imaginative introduction to animal camouflage through photographs and with very simple language. Highly recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

COLUMBUS, CHRISTOPHER

921 C725L — Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; The Cruise of Mr. Christopher Columbus; Lerner; 1932; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A cleverly but simply written biography of Christopher Columbus with large drawings on every page. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

COMEDY

Blackhawk Distributors. Comedy Films; 8 mm.

1) W. C. Fields--A Laugh Riot
2) Laurel and Hardy--Two Tars
3) Charlie Chaplin--The Cure
4) Laurel and Hardy--The Music Box

Used with beginning English speakers.

The films have short captions in English which are useful in encouraging language comprehension amoung non-English speakers.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Accent/Family Finances. Containers; Follett Educational Corporation; 1968; 31 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

How to compare prices in grocery shopping in order to get the most for the money. Good explanations and illustrations. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Accent/Family Finances. Family of Five; Follett Educational Corporation; 1968; 32 pp.; Illus. with photographs

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Real-life situation of a family's problems in making ends meet and the way they manage their budget to solve these problems. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Accent/Family Finances. Head of Household; Follett Educational Corporation; 1968; 32 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

How Nancy James learned to accept her responsibilities as head of the household and to support herself and her mother. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Accent/Family Finances. Just Married; Follett Educational Corporation; 1967; 32 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

How newlyweds learn to manage money and meet their expenses. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Accent/Family Finances. On Your Own; Follett Educational Corporation; 1968; 32 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Considers problems of going out on your own for the first time, including opening a checking account, meeting expenses, etc. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Grolier Educational Corporation. Modern Consumer Education. 12 cassettes and 2 filmstrips with 6 text units and answer key chart

Includes:

1) Why Consumer Education?
2) A Place to Rent
3) Buying a New Car
4) In Need of Repair
5) Regular Health Care
6) Medical Help--Fast
7) Quacks and Medical Frauds

8) Frauds
9) Problems of Buying on Credit
10) Advertising--with film
11) Language of Labels--with film
12) It is the policy of this store
13) How to Deal with Salesmen

Personal opinion: fair

New Reader's Press. Pe Informed Series; 1970; leaflets illustrated with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-4 Mott 1600 Series

Includes 17 pamphlets on such subjects as drug abuse, library use, money, measurements, etc. With drawings, exercises and a teacher's manual. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

Reader's Digest. Adult Education Kit; Pamphlets with adaptations of articles from the Reader's Digest magazine.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Practical leaflets on such subjects as society, health, education, environment, family and government. Particularly recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

COOKERY

641.5 BR Bracken, Peg; The I Hate to Cook Book; Fawcett; 1960; 143 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A collection of easy things to cook with hints on shortcuts in cooking.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

641.5972 FE Fergusson, Erna; Mexican Cookbook; University of New Mexico Press; 1945; 120 pp.

Favorite Mexican recipes and special cooking hints for Mexican food.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

641.5 FI — Fisher, Kathleen Dunning; Cook-In; David White; 1969; 131 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

Attractively illustrated and simply worded cook-book with a wide variety of recipes.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

641.5 FL — Fletcher, Helen Jill; The Secret of Cookies, Candies and Cakes; Harvey House; 1957; 93 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Easy to follow recipes, especially strong on cookies.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

364.12 LA — Larranaga, Robert D.; Famous Crime Fighters; Lerner Publications; 1970; 78 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Mini-biographies of some of the more famous detectives, policemen and other lawmen from around the world. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

CROCKETT, DAVID

931 C872F — Ford, Anne; Davy Crockett; (See and Read Biographies); Putnam's; 1961; 45 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

A learning-to-read biography of the highpoints of Davy Crockett's life with drawings on every page.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DAVIS, SAMMY, JR.

792.70921 D2975D — Davis, Sammy, Jr.; Yes, I Can!; Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1965; 612 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up — GED preparation

The extraordinary self-portrait of Sammy Davis--his triumphs as an entertainer and a man. The book is good, but not really siutable for adult education due to its length and reading level.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: fair

DELEON, PONCE

921 P773L — Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; The Magic Fountain; Lerner Publications; 1936; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

A cleverly written, easy-to-read biography of Ponce de Leon with excellent drawings on every page. Especially recommended.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: excellent

DESERTS

Lyceum Productions. The Wild Young Desert; 2 filmstrips and cassettes.

1) Life Conquers the Desert
2) The Making of a Desert

Reading level: Grades 6-9 — Mott 1900 Series

Based on the book of the same title. Discusses the natural phenomena which make deserts and how some forms of life overcome desert hardships.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: excellent

Werner, Jane: The Living Desert; Golden Press; 1954; 79 pp.; Illus. with color photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Describes the varied cast of characters of the western deserts and how they have adapted to the extremities of a desert.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DINOSAURIA

Watson, J. W.; Dinosaurs; Western Publishing Co.; 1960; 79 pp.; Illus. with color drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of the earth when dinosaurs reigned king.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

DIXON, BILLY

Place, Marian T.; The Frontiersman; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; 1967; 128 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The true story of Billy Dixon, a real Western hero, who is probably best known as the man credited with the longest rifle shot in the world.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DOOLEY, THOMAS A.

921
D719d Dooley, Thomas A.; Doctor Tom Dooley, My Story; The New American Library; 1962; 128 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The complete story of Dr. Tom Dooley and his life's devotion to the poor.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DOUGLASS, FREDERICK

Patterson, Lillie; Frederick Douglass: Freedom Fighter; Dell Publishing Company--Yearling Books; 1965; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

An expressive but very simple account of the struggles of Frederick Douglass and how he overcame them.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DRUGS

613.83 AU
Austrian, Geoffrey; The Truth About Drugs; Doubleday; 1971; 131 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1600 and 1900 Series

A straightforward discussion of drugs--their history, use, effects and what is being done about drug usage today. Case histories provide illustrations.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

616.863 MI
Mills, James; The Panic in Needle Park; Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1966; 212 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

An intimate look at the life of a junkie written by a life magazine writer who spent several months living closely with addicts.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

DWELLINGS--MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

643.7 BR
Bricker, Frederick E.; Do Your Own Minor Home Repairs; Editors and Engineers, Ltd.; 1966; 96 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED Preparation

A simply stated book on how to repair roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, etc.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

EARHART, AMELIA

Parlin, John; Amelia Earhart; Dell Publishing Company--Yearling Books; 1962; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of the first woman pilot from the time she was a young girl.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ECONOMICS

Learning Corporation of America. Basic Concepts of Social Studies; 4 color filmstrips and cassettes.

1) Why People Have Special Jobs: The Man Who Made Spinning Tops--70 frames
2) Why We Use Money: The Fisherman Who Needed a Knife--74 frames
3) Why We Have Taxes: The Town That Had No Policeman--59 frames
4) Why We Have Laws: Shiver, Gobble and Snore--57 frames

Comprehension level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300-1600 Series

Interesting, but the cartoon format makes them a bit childish. Simple historical presentation leading to a justification for the way we do things.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

EDISON, THOMAS A.

Kaufman, Mervyn D.; Thomas Alva Edison; Dell Publishing Company; 1962; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-5 Mott 1600 Series

This book is among the easier-to-read Edison biographies available.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

921 ED48L — Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; Tom Edison Finds Out; Lerner Publications; un-numbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

The clever story of Tom Edison and his discovery of electricity. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

ENGINEERING

629.009 BR — Bradley, Duane; Engineers Did It!. Lippincott; 1958; 121 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of how men through history have overcome the forces of nature and lack of equipment to build things that seemed as is they could never be built.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ENGLISH LANGUAGE--GRAMMAR

Colonial Films.

1) Building From the Kernel Sentence; Filmstrip and cassette. 34 frames.
2) Noun Phrases--Personal and Indefinite Pronouns--filmstrip and cassette. 35 frames
3) More about Noun Phrases--filmstrip and cassette--30 frames.

Reading level: Grades 5-6 Mott 1600 Series

Have cartoon figures and do not explain in enough detail. Good only as supplementary material and for providing a change from notebook work.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Institute for Language Study. Basic English for Spanish Speakers;

Used with Mott 1300 Series for teaching English.

Comprehensive language series introducing many useful words and phrases.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Society for Visual Education. Basic English Usage--Parts of Speech; 6 filmstrips

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Pictures are oriented toward children, but the parts of speech are explained well. May serve best as a review.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Society for Visual Education. Basic English Usage, the Sentence; 9 filmstrips; un-numbered frames.

Comprehension level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

An average presentation of the sentence--but having no particular advantage over learning the same thing in a workbook.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

ENGLISH LANGUAGE--PUNCTUATION

Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Punctuation and Capitalization; Filmstrips

1) End Punctuation
2) Comma and Semi-colon--Main uses
3) Comma--Secondary Uses
4) Colon, Dash, Parentheses and Brackets
5) Apostrophe and Hyphen
6) Quotation Marks and Italics
7) Capitalization

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Best used as supplementary or review material as they are not detailed enough to enable the learner to grasp the complete idea just from viewing the films.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Society for Visual Education. Exploring Punctuation; 12 filmstrips; un-numbered frames.

1) Comma, in a series
2) Comma, in addresses and dates
3) Comma, with direct address, etc.
4) Comma, with appositives etc.
5) Comma, with descriptive clauses
6) Comma, in miscellaneous usage
7) End punctuation
8) Colon and Semi-Colon
9) Parentheses and Dash
10) Apostrophe and Quotations
11) Italics and Hyphen
12) Capitalization

Comprehension level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A good series because it divides uses for punctuation marks very specifically. Good examples.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ENGLISH LANGUAGE--STUDY AND TEACHING

Bauer, Josephine. Full Speed Ahead--Communications 3; Follett Educational Corporation; 1966; 90 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Deals with syllables and accents of words and understanding of words, sentences and paragraphs.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Bauer, Josephine; Getting Started--Communications I; Follett Educational Corporation; 1966; 105 pp.
Reading level: Grades 0-2 Mott 1300 Series

Primarily strives to teach recognition of the alphabet in four forms--printed and cursive, in capitals and lower case-- and recognition of simple words.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Bauer, Josephine. On the Way--Communications 2; Follett Educational Corporation; 1965; 107 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Deals with recognition and understanding of printed ideas.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Berlitz. Ingles Basico; Junta Editorial de las Escuelas Berlitz de Idiomas; 1967; 2 records, explanatory text and English--Spanish Dictionary.

Used with Mott 1300 Series for Language Instruction.

Very good because the material is easy to follow and understand and teaches useful words and phrases. The only drawback is the theme of an overseas air trip which minority groups cannot relate to very well.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

428.24 CR Crowell, T. L.; Modern English Essay; McGraw-Hill-Saxon Series in English as a Second Language; 1964; 250 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

Essays for advanced students of English as a second language with accompanying exercises.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

428.24 DO Dorry, Gertrude; Games for Second Language Learning; McGraw-Hill; 1966; 56 pp.

For use with any students learning another language--Mott 1300 Series

Contains a wide variety of interesting word games which can be used to assist students in learning a second language.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Living Language Courses. Living English; 4 long-playing records. Includes workbook and dictionary.

40 lessons in basic conversational English. Everything is simply explained in Spanish. Used with good results.

1971-72 Field tested: good

Scholastic Audio-Visual Materials. Language Instruction Series--2 Records;

Level: Some previous exposure to English helpful.

Practical day-to-day situations and vocabulary presented in a format that provides students with an opportunity to take English instruction into their homes.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ENGLISH LANGUAGE--TEXTBOOKS FOR FOREIGNERS

428.24 DI Dixson, Robert J.; American English Reader; McGraw-Hill-Saxon Series in English as a Second Language; 1960; 235 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Stories with exercises in written and spoken American English.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ESPIONAGE

327.12 WI Widder, Arthur; Adventures in Black; Scholastic; 1962; 122 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

True short stories of various situations of intrigue.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ETHNOLOGY--AUSTRALIA

572.994 BA Baker, Eleanor Z.; The Australian Aborigines; Steck-Vaughn; 1968; 36 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 5-6 Mott 1600 Series

Information on the daily life and customs of aborigines.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FESTIVALS

394.2 NI Nickerson, Betty; Celebrate the Sun; J. B. Lippincott; 1969; 127 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A look at seasonal festivals around the world, illustrated with drawings by children from different countries.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FEUDALISM

940.1 BU Buehr, Walter; Chivalry and the Mailed Knight; Putnam; 1963; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Traces the history of feudalism through the 14th century.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

FIREARMS

623.4 LO Lord, Beman; Look at Guns; Henry Z. Walck; 1963; 46 pp.; Illus with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Text and photographs describe the development of firearms from those first ones which "were nearly as dangerous to the firer as to the victim" to their perfection today.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FLAGS

Irving, M. B.; Flags; Golden Press (Quiz Me Books); 1964; 48 pp.; Color illustrations.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Short commentaries and many pictures of flags of the past and present from all over the world.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FOLKLORE

398.2 DO Dolch, Edward W.; Famous Stories; Garrard (A Dolch Pleasure Book); 1955; 168 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Famous stories and legends rewritten with a one thousand word vocabulary designed to build reading skills. Illustrations and some stories somewhat childish, but useful on the whole.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

398.2 DO Dolch, Edward W.; Far East Stories; Garrard (Pleasure Reading Book); 1953; 156 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Famous stories and legends, many dealing with magic, written with a simple vocabulary.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

398.2 DO Dolch, Edward W.; Old World Stories; Garrard (Pleasure Reading Book); 1952; 166 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Written for children, fairy tales and legends from England and Europe.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good not oriented to adults

398.2 DO — Dolch, Edward W.; Stories from Alaska; Garrard; 1961; 167 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Stories and legends of the history and culture of the Eskimos. Many also stress the importance of virtues like friendship and obedience.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

398.2 DO — Dolch, Edward W.; Stories from Hawaii; Garrard; 1960; 167 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Stories and legends of Hawaiian folklore in a very simplified presentation.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

398.2 DO — Dolch, Edward W.; Stories from Mexico; Garrard; 1960; 167 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Typical stories of Mexican folklore which help increase knowledge of Mexican customs and culture.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

398.2 DO — Dolch, Edward W.; Stories from Old Egypt; Garrard; 1964; 168 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The colorful stories of an ancient people__their kings, gods, and other magical things.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

398.2 DO — Dolch, Edward W.; Stories from Spain; Garrard; 1962; 168 pp.; Illus. with drawings

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Easy-to-read legends and stories from Spain that present a relatively unknown part of the culture.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FOOD

631 SH — Shannon, Terry; About Food and Where It Comes From; Melmont; 1961; 31 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Discusses basic foods, their origin and the processing which food undergoes before it reaches the stores.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FOOTBALL

796.33 AN — Anderson, Dave; Great Defensive Players of the NFL; Random House; 1967; 176 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

Sketches of some of pro-football's greatest defensive players, highlighting their careers.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

796.33 RO — Roberts, Eric B.; From Football to Finance; Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Inc.; 1971; 103 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Brady Keys, a black, who alfter making it in football, moved into business, became a brilliant success and is now dedicated to getting black businesses into the ghettos.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FORTIFICATION

355.7 CO — Colby, C. B.; Historic American Forts; Coward-McCann; 1963; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A photographic presentation of American forts with brief commentaries on each.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

FOURTH OF JULY

973.3 DA — Dalgliesh, Alice; The Fourth of July Story; Scribner's; 1956; Illus. with color drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 — Mott 1300 Series

A simplified presentation of American independence told completely from a child's point of view.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: poor, not oriented to adults

FRACTIONS

Garrard Publishers; Make One; A math game.

Students must have some math ability in addition, subtraction, division and some fractions.

An interesting card game which enables learners to master fractions in a fun way.

1971-72 — Field test: good

GEOGRAPHY

910 KE — Kennamer, Lorrin and Wishart, A. Paul; Geography; Steck-Vaughn; 1962; 48 pp.; Illus with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Answers questions about the regions of the earth, what kinds of life they support and how areas differ. Childish in presentation

1971-72 — Personal opinion: fair not oriented to adults

Society for Visual Education. America--The Near West Region; 6 filmstrips and 3 cassettes.

1) The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
2) Texas: Land of Cattle and Oil
3) Spanish-Americans of New Mexico
4) The Mormons of Utah
5) Butte, Montana: City in Transition
6) Colorado: Agricultural Technology

Comprehension level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Presents a great deal of material with good narration and pictures.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

GEOLOGY

Educational Activities, Inc. The Earth's Changing Surface; 2 filmstrips and record with Teacher's Guide.

1) Forces that Wear It Away
2) Forces that Build It Up

Reading level: Grades 4-9 Mott 1600-1900 Series

Good, simply presented information, but the record is more troublesome than cassettes.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

551 OR Orr, Catherine E. and De Vault, M. Vere; Geology; Steck-Vaughn; 1966; 47 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Presents in simple language, the science of the earth. Illustrations are designed to facilitate understanding and activities are suggested to illustrate most of the concepts. Illustrations oriented to children.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Wyler, Rose and Ames, Gerald; Inside the Earth; Golden Press; 1968; 78 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Describes how the inside of the earth is explored and explains what is happening when there are changes in the earth's surface.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

GIBSON, ALTHEA

Gibson, Althea; I Always Wanted to be Somebody; Noble and Noble Falcon Books; 1958; 130 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The famous tennis champion tells the real story of her life as she remembers it.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

HELICOPTERS

629.13335 AD Adwill, James; Helicopters in Action; Meredith Press; 1969; 92 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

The full story of helicopters--their uses in the past and potentialities for the future.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

HOSPITALS

362.11 FE Feagles, Anita McRae; Emergency Room; Cowles; 1970; 91 pp.; Illus. with true photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Describes the tense atmosphere of a typical hospital emergency room and routine emergencies. Photographs capture the realism of hospital life.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

HOUSE PLANTS

635.965 FE Fenton, D. X.; Plants for Pots: Projects for Indoor Gardeners; J. B. Lippincott; 1969; 125 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Different ideas, with directions on houseplant how-to.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.1 BR — Brandon, William; The American Indian; Adapted by Anne Terry White; Random House; 1963; 195 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Presents all aspects of the colorful civilizations of America's earliest Indians, with many color illustrations.

1971-72 Persoanl opinion: excellent

796.352 CO — Cobe, Albert; Great Spirit; Children's Press (an Open Door Book); 1970; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Short stories about the treatment and life of American Indians.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

970.1 TH — Thompson, Hildegard; Getting to Know American Indians Today; Coward-McCann; 1965; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Through short stories, tells about the very different life American Indians have today, in comparison with their lifestyle of the past.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

970.464 WA — Warren, Betsy; Indians Who Lived in Texas; Steck-Vaughn; 1970; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Describes the lifestyle and housing of Indian tribes that lived in Texas.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

INSECTS

Fichter, G. S.; Insects; Western Publishing Company; (Quiz Me Books); 1964; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Short descriptions with color illustrations of different types of insects. Questions at the end.

1971-72 Field test: excellent

595.78 HO — Hopf, Alice; Butterfly and Moth; Putnam's (See and Read Science); 1969; 63 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Developed with a parallel technique, this is the story of the life cycles of a butterfly and moth, their differences and similarities.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Platt, Rutherford; Walt Disney Presents Bees and Ants; Golden Press; 1968; 79 pp.; Illus. with color photos.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explores the beautiful and mysterious world of bees and ants with many close-up photographs.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

595.7 TE — Tee-Van, Helen D.; Insects Are Where You Find Them; Alfred Knopf; 1963; 76 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A lucid presentation of characteristics common to all insects and the differences in particular American insects.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ITALY

914.5 KI — Kish, George; Italy; Fideler; 1971; 176 pp.; Illus. with color maps and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

An in-a-nutshell survey of Italy--the history, land, people and culture. Excellent illustrations.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

JESUS CHRIST

232.9 BI Bishop, Jim; The Day Christ Was Born; Large Print, Ltd.; 1960; 142 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A special edition of the book of Christ's birth.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

JUAREZ, BENITO

921 J871B Baker, Nina B.; Juarez, Hero of Mexico; McGraw-Hill; (Everyreader Series); 1949; 122 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Benito Juarez who rose from being a shepherd boy to becoming the President of Mexico.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

KELLER, HELEN

Keller, Helen. The Story of My Life; Airmont Publishing Company; 1965; 280 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

The poignant autobiography of Helen Keller.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

KENNEDY, JOHN FITZGERALD

Graves, Charles P. John F. Kennedy, New Frontiersman; Dell Publishing Company-Yearling Books; 1965; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

A simply written biography of America's 35th president.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

921 K383M Martin, Patricia Miles; John Fitzgerald Kennedy; G. P. Putnam's; (See and Read Beginning to Read Biography); 1964; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Another of the easy Kennedy biographies--but with almost nothing about his years as President.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

KEY, FRANCIS SCOTT

784.71 LO Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; Mr. Key's Song; Lerner Publications; 1967; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Francis Scott Key, the American hero who wrote the Star Spangled Banner when England and America were at War. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

KING, MARTIN LUTHER, JR.

Clayton, Ed; Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior; Washington Square Press; 1968; 118 pp.

Reading level: Grades 5-7 Mott 1600 Series

The story of an inspired young man who sought to help his people and who later received world acclaim for his efforts.

1971-72 Persoanl opinion: good

LATIN AMERICA

Scott Education Division. The United States and Latin America: Cooperation or Conflict? 2 filmstrips, 2 cassettes and teacher's guide.

Comprehension level: Grades 8-10 — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Part I discusses problems and challenges of relations between Latin America and the United States. Part II examines the ro ts of revolution in Mexico. Contains much information, generally pro-American. Teacher's guide i helpful.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

980 WO Worcester, Donald E.; Three Worlds of Latin America: Mexico, Central America and South America; Dutton Co.; 1960; 189 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Discusses the development and culture of Latin America.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

LATIN AMERICANS

Scott Education Division. Portrait of a Minority: Spanish-Speaking Americans; 2 filmstrips 2 cassettes and Teacher's Guide. 150 frames.

Comprehension level: Grades 7-10 — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Discusses Cubans, Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans, with emphasis on Mexican-Americans. Presents the plight of the people without giving a solution, which leaves the adult free to make his own value and action judgements. It is expected that this series can be used quite effectively.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

LATIN AMERICANS IN THE SOUTHWEST

301.45372 DI — Díaz, Paul; Up From El Paso; Children's Press (Open Door Books); 1970; 63 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The simply written autobiography of a Chicano policeman.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

LATIN AMERICANS IN THE U. S.

301.45172 — Acuna, Rudolph; The Story of the Mexican-Americans; American Book Compnay; 1969; 140 pp.; Illus. with color and black and white photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The story of the Mexican-Americans today, including their rich Indian and Spanish heritage and their contributions to the Southwest in the way of animals, institutions and industries.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

301.45172 TE — Tebbel, John and Ruiz, Ramon; South by South-West--The Mexican-American and his Heritage; Doubleday; 1969; 120 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 — Mott 1900 Series

Tries to determine exactly who the Mexican-American is through an examination of his history and culture.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

LEGENDS

398.2 KE — Keats, Ezra Jack; John Henry, an American Legend; Pantheon Books; 1965; un-numbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The much loved myth of John Henry, the steel-driving man, told in few words and with large color illustrations. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

LEWIS AND CLARK

917.803 DE — De Kay, Ormonde, Jr.: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark; Random House (Step-Up Books); 1968; 86 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-5 Mott 1600 Series

The exciting story of the men who opened the West to the Pacific and how they overcame danger and hardship.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

LINCOLN, ABRAHAM

921 L638C — Colver, Anne; Abraham Lincoln: For the People; Garrard Pub. Co.; (Discovery Book); 1960; 78 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

An intimate and simple portrayal of Lincoln and his family, stressing the "bigness" of the man.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

921 L638L — Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson, Barefoot Abe; Lerner Publications; 1967; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Another of the cleverly done Lowitz biographies. Strongly recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

LOCAL GOVERNMENT--FIRE DEPARTMENT

352.3 CO — Colby, C. B.; Smoke Eaters; Coward-McCann; 1954; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A photographic presentation of the nation's fire trucks and fire-fighting equipment with brief commentaries on each.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

MARINE FAUNA

574.92 LI — Lindsay, Barbara; Monsters of the Sea; Four Winds Press; 1962; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-5 Mott 1300 and 1600 Series

Discusses the myth and mystery of the ocean and its inhabitants and what science has been able to learn about them. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

MARRIAGE

301.42 AV — Avery, Curtis and Johannis, Theordore B.; Love and Marriage; Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich; 1971; 170 pp.; Illus. with some photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A guide for young people designed to help them arrive at a realistic approach to marriage.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

MEXICO

972 CR — Credle, Ellis; Mexico, Land of Hidden Treasure; Thomas Nelson; 1967; 223 pp. Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Analyzes the historical events of Mexico and presents various aspects of modern life showing the combined Spanish and Indian influence.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

972
EP

Epstein, Sam and Beryl; The First Book of Mexico; Follett; 1967; 87 pp.

Reading level: Grades 5-6 Mott 1600 Series

Shows the educational system, history, politics, festivals, etc., of Mexico through the eyes of two school children.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

917.2
GO

Gomez, Barbara; Getting to Know Mexico; Coward-McCann; 1971; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A lively presentation of Mexico today and the surprises it holds in store for visitors. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

MICROBIOLOGY

589.9
SE

Selsam, Millicent E.; Microbes at Work; William Morrow and Co.; 1953; 95 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Clearly explains the many different activities of microbes and presents easy experiments that can be done at home.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

MONEY

323.4
WI

Wilcox, Louise K. and Burks, Gordon E.; What Is Money?; Steck-Vaughn; 1959; 48 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1306-1609

Presents chosen principles of economics simply--a good overall view of our money system.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NATURAL HISTORY

500.9 PA — Parker, Bertha Morris; New Golden Treasury of Natural History; Golden Press; 1968; 384 pp.; Illus. with drawings on every page.

Reading level: Grades 5-8 — Mott 1600-1900 Series

Presents characteristics and illustrations of all members of the plant and animal kingdoms.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

NATURE STUDY

Society for Visual Education. Basic Nature Study; 10 filmstrips; un-numbered frames.

1) How Insects Live and Grow
2) How to Identify Moths
3) Snakes and Lizards You Should Know
4) Frogs, Toads and Turtles
5) Life of the Honey Bee
6) Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly
7) Indentifying Common Trees
8) How Plants Grow and Reproduce
9) How to Recognize Birds
10) How Birds are Fitted for Their Work

Reading level: Grades 4-8 — Mott 1600 and 1900 Series

Pictures are good and the information is presented well. Many insects are not familiar and therefore the visual presentation is particularly valuable.

1971-72 — Personal opinion: good

Universal Education. Interdependence of Nature; 4 filmstrips and 2 cassettes.

1) The Cycle of Nature--44 frames
2) The Balance of Nature--47 frames
3) The Four Seasons--47 Frames
4) Conservation--45 frames

Comprehension level: Grades 6-9 — Mott 1600-1900 Series

Tape reads what is printed on the film and gives more details. Relates nature to man and is well presented, although somewhat redundant. Students learning English can see and hear words at the same time.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NEGROES--U. S.

301.45196 HU Hughes, Langston and Meltzer, Milton; A Pictorial History of the Negro in America; Crown Publishers; 1968; 380 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

Fully treats all significant persons in Negro history and life, beginning with the African slave trade and going through the current black revolt. Recommended

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NEW GUINEA--DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

572.995 BA Baker, Eleanor Z.; New Guinea: A Journey into Yesterday; Steck-Vaughn; 1968; 38 pp.; Illus. with photos.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explores the beauty and backwardness of the world's second largest island, showing the past as well as the hope for the future.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NEW YORK STATE--HISTORY

974.799 JE Jeffrey, Adi-Kent Thomas; They Dared Niagara; Follett Publishing Co. (Interesting Reading Series)

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The stories of some of the people who have dared to go over Niagara Falls. None became famous and today almost all are forgotten.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NEWSPAPERS

Laubach Literacy, Inc.; News for You; Newspaper in Easy English for Adults; Edition A.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An easy to read weekly newspaper with short articles of national interest and articles on various Adult Education programs from time to time.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

071.3 SM
Smith, Ruth and Michalak, Barbara; How to Read Your Newspaper; Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich; 1970; pp.; Illus. with photographs and articles.

Reading level: Grade 8 and up Mott 1900 and GED preparation

Explains types of newspaper articles and how to get the most out of them. Exercises included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NEWTON, ISAAC

921 N484H
Houston, W. Robert and M. Vere de Vault; Sir Isaac Newton; Steck-Vaughn; 1960; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A picture biography of Sir Isaac Newton with much interesting information about his life and his work.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

NIGHTINGALE, FLORENCE

Colver, Anne; Florence Nightingale; Dell Publishing Co.-Yearling Books; 1961; 80 pp.

Reading level: Grade 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

An easy-to-read biography of Florence Nightingale, the lady who improved war-time nursing and started a school for nurses.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

OCEAN

551.46 CA Carson, Rachel; The Sea Around Us; Adapted by Anne T. White; Western Publishing Co.-Golden Press; 1958; 165 pp.

Reading level: Grades 5-9 Mott 1900 Series

A profusely illustrated, specially adapted edition of Rachel Carson's book about the origin, characteristics and life of the sea. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PARKS, GORDON

921 P236P Parks, Gordon; A Choice of Weapons; Noble and Noble; 1968; 160 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The moving story of Gordon Park's efforts to overcome all the difficulties that a poor young black faces and the mental "weapons" he developed to survive.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PHYSICS

530 BO Boyd, Claude C. and De Vault, M. Vere; Physics; Steck-Vaughn; 1966; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Answers many elementary questions about gas, heat, light, electricity, motion and sound, and like the other books in the series, has simple exercises that can be done in the home.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

PHYSIOLOGY

612 HA — Haag, Jessie and De Vault, M. Vere; Physiology; Steck-Vaughn; 1959; 47 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-6 Mott 1300 and 1600 Series

Tells in simple language, how the body functions and suggests simple demonstrations and experiments.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

PILGRIM FATHERS

973.2 LO — Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; The Pilgrim Party; Lerner; 1967; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A refreshing, well-illustrated telling of the same old story of the pilgrims. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

PIONEERS--WEST

978 MA — McCall, Edith; Pioneer Traders; Children's Press; 1964; 127 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 1600 Series

The story of some of the early western pioneer traders and their adventures in helping to develop the American frontier.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PIRATES

910.453 LA — Larranaga, R. D.; Pirates and Buccaneers; Lerner Publications; 1970; 63 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Short biographies and adventures of real pirates of the past, illustrated with well detailed drawings. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

POCAHONTAS

973.2 MA Martin, Patricia Miles; Pocahontas; Putnam's (A See and Read Beginning to Read Biography); 1964; 63 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

An easy-to-read biography which claims to use mostly words taught in second grade.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

POETRY

Educational Dimensions Corporation. Understanding American Poetry--The 19th Century; Filmstrips and cassettes, with Teacher's Guide. Un-numbered frames.

1) The Classroom Poets
2) Poe, Emerson, Whitman
3) Dickinson

Comprehension level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 and GED preparation

A good survey of American poetry with beautiful pictures. Will add enrichment to printed study material as well as exhibiting the art of reading poetry aloud. Selections are chosen to show each poet's particular art.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

POLLUTION

Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Ealing Productions. Pollution Series; 6 filmstrips and 3 cassettes. Un-numbered frames.

1) The Polluters
2) Air
3) Water

4) Land
5) Noise
6) The Problem is Now

Comprehension level: Grade 9 and up — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

A very inclusive study of pollution with good narration and pictures oriented to adults.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

POWER--MECHANICS

Scott Education Division. Power and Energy Crisis: Technological Challenge of the Future; 2 filmstrips, 2 cassettes and teacher's guide. 204 frames.

Comprehension level: Grades 7-10 — Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Describes and explains the use of energy and power and estimates the future energy need. Well done with photographs and a helpful teacher's manual.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PRESIDENTS--U. S.

Miers, E. S.; The White House and the Presidency; Grosset and Dunlap-Wonder Books; 1965; 48 pp.; Illus. with many photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

A photographic and narrative description of the White House and its background and of the office of the presidency.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Pearson, J. R.; President; Golden Press; (Quiz Me Books); 1969; 48 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Covers requirements and duties of being the president with a short paragraphs on each of the presidents.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PRESIDENTS--U. S.--ELECTIONS

973 GO — Goldman, David J.; Presidential Losers; Lerner; 1970; 102 pp. Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Short commentaries on some of the more well-known American presidential losers.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PRESIDENTS--U. S.--WIVES

920 CH — Chaffin, Lillie and Butwin, Miriam; America's First Ladies 1789-1865; Lerner Publications; 1969; 87 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Series of mini-biographies of former first ladies with interesting facts on their lives.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

920 CH — Chaffin, Lillie and Butwin, Miriam; America's First Ladies 1865 to the Present Day; Lerner Publications (A Pull Ahead Book); 1968; 111 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Continuation of the previous book

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

PSYCHOLOGY

150 PH — Phillips, Beeman N. and De Vault, M. Vere; Psychology; Steck-Vaughn; (Living Books); 1966; 48 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Simplified presentation of selected principles of psychology e.g. how people think and feel. Childish in presentation.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

QUAILS

598.61 ST — Stanger, Margaret A.; That Quail, Robert; J. B. Lippincott; 1966; 125 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The true story of a quail raised in captivity who never exhibited any desire for freedom

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

QUOTATIONS

808.882 HE — Hein, Lucille E.; Thinking of You: Word Gifts of Love and Hope for Older People; Large Print, Ltd; 1969; 128 pp.

Reading level: Grade 6 and up Mott 1600 Series and up

A collection of thoughts and quotations on various subjects.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

RAILROADS--TRAINS

385 EL — Elting, Mary; All Aboard! The Railroad Trains That Built America; Four Winds Press; 1969; 127 pp. Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Describes the history of America's trains beginning with the first experimental engine and going through the prohesied trains of the future.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

READING

428.62 HU — Hurst, John A. and Tom, Judith J.; The Strange and the Impossible; Mid-America; 1965; 62 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Interesting and little known facts about particular people and places with a vocabulary at the end and a list of more interesting facts.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Reader's Digest. Readings Books 1-6; Reader's Digest, Inc.; 1964

Reading level: Grades 2-9 Mott 1300 Series-1900 Series

Short news-type articles of current interest which have questions and vocabulary practice. Particularly recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Scholastic Magazine. Action Unit-Reading Kit; books and record.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300-1600 Series

Contains 3 units of short stories with 20 books in each unit. Stories, plays, posters, a record, teacher's manual and language exercises are included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

ROCKETRY

623.4519 CO Colby, C. B.; Countdown: Rockets and Missiles; Coward-McCann; 1970; 48 pp.; Illus. with black and white photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Large black and white photographs of rockets and missiles used for national defense with approximately a one-half page commentary on each.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

ROGERS, WILL

921 R633B Bennett, Cathereen L.; Will Rogers, the Cowboy Who Walked with Kings; Lerner; 1971; 71 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of Will Roger's life and his accomplishments, generously illustrated with photographs.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

RUSSELL, BILL

Russell, Bill; Go Up For Glory; Noble and Noble; 1967; 126 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Bill Russell speaks out on basketball and the psychology of the game, the Boston Celtics and human rights.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SATELLITES

629.434 AS
Asimov, Isaac; Satellites in Outer Space; Random House; 1966; 61 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explains how satellites work and what uses there are for man-made satellites.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

629.434 CA
Carlisle, Norman; Satellites: Servants of Man; Lippincott; 1971; 96 pp.; Illus. with many photographs.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Tells about the importance of satellites and the various ways they serve mankind, e.g., communcication, weather prediction, mapping the earth, etc.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

SCHWEITZER, ALBERT

921 SCH97S
Simon, Charlie May; All Men Are Brothers; E. P. Dutton; 1956; 192; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

An intimate portrait of Dr. Albert Schweitzer bringing to life the real greatness of the man.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SCIENCE

Macmillan; Elementary Science Filmstrips; Sets A-D; un-numbered frames.

Set A
1) Sun, Moon and Earth
2) Our Changing Earth
3) Living on Land
4) Living in Water
5) Your Body's Needs
6) Heat

Set B
1) Green Plants
2) Classifying Animals
3) Electricity
4) Light and Shadows
5) Weather
6) Simple Machines

Set C
1) Patterns of Growth
2) Physical Properties of Matter
3) Chemical Properties of Matter
4) Investigating the Atmosphere
5) Flight into Space
6) Exploring the Oceans

Set D
1) Molecules in Motion
2) Planets
3) Light & Lasers
4) Ecological Systems
5) Animal Behavior
6) How Living Things Change

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Simple, colorful presentation using drawings. Some of them are childish at times, but on the whole, concepts are well presented, even for adults.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Scholastic Filmstrips. Science Filmstrips.

1) Big Things, Little Things--Concepts of Size
2) Concepts of Time
3) How Hot? How Cold? Concepts of Temperature.
4) How We Learn
5) Ocean Currents: Clues to Climate
6) Volcanoes: Science and Spectacle.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Science filmstrips are good supplementary material and beautifully illustrated. Treats one concept at a time but the series is still oriented to adults.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Universal Education. Science Fundamentals; Color filmstrips.

1) How Animals Differ--45 frames
2) Animals and Their Environment--38 frames
3) Soil--36 frames
4) How Plants Grow--44 frames
5) Weather and Climate--44 frames
6) Simple Machines--45 frames
7) How Sounds Are Made--41 frames
8) Energy, Heat, Light, Sound & Matter--43 frames
9) Electricity--39 frames
10) Solids, Liquids and Gases--42 frames

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explains simply but accurately the concepts of energy, electricity, sound, etc. but has some pictures of adolescents.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SEAFARING LIFE

910.45 DY Dyment, John; Meet the Men Who Sailed the Seas; Random House (Step-Up Books); 1966; 85 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-5 Mott 1600 Series

A lively, informative history with large print and many illustrations.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SHIPS

Stevenson, George B.; Ships; Golden Press; 1964; 48 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings, mostly color.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The history of ships and descriptions of what different ones are used for.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SINGERS

781.57 SU — Surge, Frank; Singers of the Blues; Lerner Publications; 1969; 63 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

Gives a brief description of the "Blues" and tells about the lives of some of the singers.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

SLAVERY IN THE U. S.

973.7 MA — McCarthy, Agnes; Worth Fighting For; Doubleday (Zenith Books); 1965; 181 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

A history of the Negro in the United States during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SOCIAL WORK

361.0023 LO — Lopez, Arthur; El Rancho de Muchachos; Children's Press (Open Door Book); 1970; 64 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The story in simple dialog of a ranch for delinquents in California and its director, Arthur Lopez.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

SOCIOLOGY

301.36 FO — Follett, Dwight W.; Exploring World Communities; Follett; 1971; 256 pp.; Illus. with color photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up — Mott 1900 and GED preparation

The story of cities--how they grow and change--and the dynamics of the city itself.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

301 MA McIntire, Alta; Exploring Our Needs; Follett; 1971; 191 pp.; Illus. with color cartoons.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Points out mankind's basic needs--food, water, clothing, shelter, communication and transportation--and the ways these needs are met.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Powell, Walter; Our World is Small; New Reader's Press; 1964; 25 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

A short, well-done book illustrating how people need people and that they need to get along.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Scholastic Filmstrips. Social Studies.

1) Vietnam--the Plight of a People
2) The World's Youth in Action
3) The Draft
4) Canada's Resources
5) The U. S. and the Soviet Union
6) Communist China--It's Rise and Fallout
7) Our Government Today--What Has It Grown Into?
8) The Challenge of Conservation
9) Cuba--From Friend to Foe
10) Germany--A Problem in Long Division
11) Britain and the Common Market
12) The Negro in U. S. History
13) An Inside View of the U. S. Economy

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Most of these films are too sketchy to be used alone but are useful for date sequences. Presentation of facts is good and not too one-sided

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Warren Schloat Productions. Man and the City; 2 filmstrips and cassettes with Teacher's Guide.

1) Man's Needs
2) Man's Surroundings

Comprehension level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Discusses the development of man and the importance agriculture and community life have played in his development

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SOUTH AMERICA--CIVILIZATION

918.83 FL Floethe, Louise and Richard; Jungle People; Scribner's 1971; Illus. with color drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

A somewhat simplified, but very colorful description of day to day life in the South American jungle.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Scott Education Division. Southeast Asia: Contrasts and Conflicts; 2 filmstrips, 2 cassettes and teacher's guide; 240 frames.

Comprehension level: Grade 8 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

The historical and geographic presentation of Southest Asia, the problems, challenges and hopes for the future. Covers too much information for one viewing. Good pictures, narration and music.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

SPIES

327.12 SU Surge, Frank; Famous Spies; Lerner Publications (A Pull Ahead Book); 1969; 63 pp.; Illus. with black and white drawings and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Simplified stories of different spies through history. Recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

STORMS

551.55 HI Hitte, Kathryn; Hurricanes, Tornadoes and Blizzards; Random House; 1960; 82 pp.; Illus. with maps and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explains how storms grow and travel and what their effects are, in simple language.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

TARKENTON, FRAN

796.33 TA Tarkenton, Fran; Better Scramble than Lose; Scholastic; 1969; 126pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Football's "most unorthodox Quarterback" tells his story and why he plays the way he does.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

TELEPHONE

621.385 SC Schneider, Herman and Nina; Your Telephone and How It Works; McGraw-Hill; 1965; 117 pp.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

Explains the technical aspects of the telephone and lists and explains advances in the telephone network.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

TEXAS--HISTORY--1835-1836--REVOLUTION

976.403 FO — Foster, Ed; Tejanos; Hill and Wang; (Challenge Books); 1970; 48 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Texas as a Mexican province and its battle for independence.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

TIME

529 BR — Bradley, Duane; Time For You: How Man Measures Time; J. B. Lippincott; 1960; 110 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1600 and 1900 Series

Discusses the concept of time and traces the development of calendars and clocks to the degree of precision they have today.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

TUBMAN, HARRIET

921 T79M — McGovern, Ann; Runaway Slave; Four Winds Press; 1965; unnumbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of Harriet Tubman, a slave girl who escaped and helped other slaves on the road to freedom.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

TURNER, NAT

921 T855G — Griffin, Judith Berry; Nat Turner; Coward-McCann; 1970; 62 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

An easy-to-read biography of Nat Turner and his fight to help his people overcome slavery.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

UNITED STATES

Rachlis, Eugene and Katherine; Our Fifty United States; Golden Press; 1960; 55 pp.; Illus. with color drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Treats the states one-at-a-time, giving statistics and distinguishing characteristics.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

U.S.--CONSTITUTION

Pathescope Educational Films. The Constitution: A Living Document; 6 filmstrips and cassettes. Teacher's Guide included.

1) Formation
2) Ratification and the Bill of Rights
3) The Executive Branch
4) The Legislative Branch
5) The Judicial Branch--The Supreme Court
6) Checks and Balances

Comprehension level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1600 Series

Good for studying all aspects of the Constitution and the theory behind it, but not very useful for citizenship. Films and narration are directed to adults.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

U. S. HISTORY

973
CO

Commager, Henry Steele; First Book of American History; Franklin Watts; 1957; 62 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

A concise but interesting history of the United States, well-illustrated with drawings.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

973 CR — Crothers, George D.; American History; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; 1964; 243 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Traces all aspects of the development of America.

1971-72 Personal opinion: poor

973 DI — Dixson, Robert J. and Fox, Herbert; The U.S.A.: Men and History; Regents; 1960; 162 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Designed for people improving their reading at the intermediate level, this book presents important events in the lives of important people.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

973 EI — Eibling, Harold H.; Great Names in American History; Laidlow; 1968; 312 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Each chapter tells about the contribution of some person to the development of American--beginning with Columbus. Questions and exercises at the end of each chapter.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

U. S. HISTORY--1607-1775--COLONIAL PERIOD

973.2 FA — Farquhar, Margaret C.; Colonial Life in America; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; 1962.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

A simplified description of American colonial life.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

VEGETABLES

641
AL

Allee, Veva Elwell; The Vegetables on Your Plate; Melmont; 1960; 31 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Discusses vegetables as nutritious plants, tells how to prepare them and under what conditions different vegetables grow best.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

VIETNAM

915.97
WE

West, Fred; Getting to Know the Two Vietnams; Coward-McCann; 1970; 64 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Short stories about people (mostly children) who live in Vietnam.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

WASHINGTON, BOOKER T.

921
W276W

Wise, William; Booker T. Washington, Putnam's (See and Read Biographies); 1968; 62 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Another of the learning-to-read biographies, about a man who was born a slave but who worked to help lead his people out of slavery.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

WASHINGTON, GEORGE

921
W277L

Lowitz, Sadyebeth and Anson; General George, the Great; Lerner; 1932; un-numbered pages; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

A clever, simple biography of George Washington. Recommended

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

WATER POLLUTION

614.77
OR

Orlowsky, Wallace and Perera, Thomas; Who Will Wash the River?; Coward-McCann; 1970; 47 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Critically examines water pollution as a national problem through the eyes of two children who become horrified at the rotten place they find while exploring the river.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

WEST--HISTORY

978
SU

Surge, Frank; Western Lawmen; Lerner; 1969; 62 pp.; Illus. with photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Mini-biographies of the rugged men who maintained law and order in the old West.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

WITCHCRAFT

133.4
HO

Hoyt, Olga; Witches; Abelard-Schuman; 1969; 158 pp.; Illus. with drawings and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 6-8 Mott 1900 Series

The informative story of witches through history--who they were, what they allegedly did and how they were punished.

1971-72 Field test: good

WOLVES

Ripper, Charles L.; Foxes and Wolves; Young Reader's Press; 64 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

An easy-to-read discussion and description of foxes and wolves--their eating and living habits and physical characteristics.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

WOMAN--SOCIAL AND MORAL QUESTIONS

Scott Education Division. The Changing Role of Women; 2 filmstrips and cassettes with Teacher's Guide; 200 frames.

Comprehension level: Grade 8 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

A good presentation of women's fight for liberation in the world and especially in the United States. May be a little too liberal for Latin American people. Valuable historical information included.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

WORLD WAR, 1935-1945

940.53 HE Hersey, John R.; Of Men and War; Scholastic; 1963; 132 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 Series and GED preparation

Articles adapted from Life Magazine, describes wars before the advent of atomic weapons and the men who fought them.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

940.5426 TA Taylor, Theodore; Air-Raid-Pearl Harbor; Crowell; 1971; 185 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Describes the days preceding the disaster of Pearl Harbor as well as the actual event.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

WRIGHT, WILBUR AND ORVILLE

Kelly, Fred D.; The Wright Brothers; Ballantine Books; 1950; 214 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

This biography, authorized by Orville Wright, presents the "impossible" accomplishment which has been dreamed of for thousands of years and the men responsible for it.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Fiction

Anrooy, Frans van; The Lady of the Sea; Carolrhoda; 1971; un-numbered pages; Color illustrations

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A beautiful story of the sea and a boat figurehead. This is particularly recommended.

1971-72 Field test: good

Armstrong, William H.; Sounder; Harper and Row; 1969; 116 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of a poor black sharecropper, his coon dog and the cruel fate that lies in store for both of them.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Babbitt, Natalie; Goody Hall; Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1971; 176 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The magnificent house, Goody Hall, is the subject of this Gothic adventure with a totally unexpected ending. Not relevant to Chicanos.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Baldwin, James; Go Tell It on the Mountain; Abridged by Glenn Munson; Noble and Noble-Falcon Books; 1968; 192 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

An abridgement of Baldwin's famous novel of the Harlem ghetto.

Personal opinion: good

Bishop, Curtis; Saturday Heroes; Steck-Vaughn; 1951; 217 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of Larry Baker and his involvement with football.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Bolton, Carole; Never Jam Today; Atheneum; 1971; 240 pp.

Reading level: Grades 8 and up — Mott 1900 and GED preparation

A novel about women's fight for suffrage in the United States in 1917.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Bonham, Frank; Viva Chicano; Dutton; 1970; 179 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 — Mott 1900 Series

The understanding explanation of the world of the juvenile delinquent written with a great deal of realism and bits of humor.

Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Bradbury, Ray; Switch on the Night; Pantheon Books; 1955; un-numbered pages; Illus. with many drawings.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 — Mott 1300 Series

A simple story in clever, easy verse of a little boy who didn't like the night. Childish, but otherwise good practice for new readers.

Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Bulette, Sara; Adventure in Space; Follett Educational Corporation; 1961; 59 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

A science fantasy about children having an adventure on another planet.

Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Burchard, Peter; Rat Hell; Coward, McCann; 1971; 62 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 — Mott 1600 Series

The story of a prison escape.

Personal opinion: good

Campbell, Hope; Why Not Join the Giraffes?; Yearling Books; 1968; 228 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 — Mott 1600 Series

A story about a young girl and her problems as an adolescent.

Personal opinion: poor, not oriented to adults

Canaway, W. H.; A Boy Ten Feet Tall; Ballantine Books; 1961; 157 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A classic adventure story set in Africa about an orphaned boy who walks the length of the continent to find his aunt and enters adulthood on the way.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Carlsen, Ruth C. and Robert A., eds.; The Great Auto Race and Other Stories; Scholastic; 1965; 124 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A collection of short stories about men and cars.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Carol, Bill J.; Touchdown Duo; Steck-Vaughn; 1968; 161 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Another of Carol's stories of developing maturity and team spirit told with a football motif.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Ceder, Georgiana Dorcas; Reluctant Jane; Young Reader's Press; 1966; 126 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a young girl growing up in the Kentucky wilderness.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Chayefsky, Paddy; Marty and Printer's Measure; Adapted by Warren Halliburton; McGraw-Hill; 1968; 83 pp.; Illus. with drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Simple adaptations of two television plays by Paddy Chayefsky.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Clark, Margaret Goff; Danger at Niagara; Young Reader's Press; 1968; 127 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a young boy, orphaned by an Indian raid, who displayed man-sized courage in defending Fort Niagara from the British.

Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Clarke, John; Black Soldier; Doubleday; 1968; 145 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Tells about the life of Negro soldiers during World War II.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Cleaver, Vera; Ellen Grae; Dell Publishing Co.--Yearling Books; 1967; 88 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

This story of Ellen Grae's adventures combines comedy, tragedy and suspense.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Coles, Robert; Dead End School; Little, Brown and Co.; 1968; 100 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Relates the real experiences of real people in a school desegregation situation.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Corbett, Scott; Diamonds Are More Trouble; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; 1969; 67 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A hilarious story of Aunt Myra, her diamond necklace and all the people that are trying to get it away from her.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Daniels, Norman; The Kono Diamond; Berkeley Publishing Company; 1969; 127 pp.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of the Kono diamond and the thief who stole it.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Dickens, Monica; My Fair Lady; Scholastic; 1967; 159 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An adaptation of the musical play by Alfred Lerner and Frederick Loewe.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Dolch, Edward W.; Ivanhoe; Garrard; (For Pleasure Reading Series); 1961; 165 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An easy reading version of the classic, written with The First 1000 Words for Childrens' Reading vocabulary.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Doyle, A. Conan; Cases of Sherlock Holmes; Adapted by William Kottmeyer; McGraw-Hill--Everyreader Series; 1947; 118 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A collection of Holmes stories abridged and simplified.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Eisner, Leonard; Mystery of Broken Wheel Ranch; Follett; 1961; 58 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A ranch mystery concerned with disappearing cattle.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Elting, Mary; The Helicopter Mystery; Young Reader's Press; 1958; 178 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Three boys search for a thief who disappeared without a sign.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Eyerly, Jeannette; A Girl Like Me; Lippincott; 1966; 180 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The emotional story of an un-wed high school girl who becomes pregnant, the problems she has and the way her friends respond.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Eyerly, Jeannette; The World of Ellen March; Lippincott; 1964; 188 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of the effects that divorce can have on teen-agers and the way a particular teen-ager, Ellen March, rebels against it and finally learns to accept it.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Franzen, Nils-Olof; Agaton Sax and the Diamond Thieves; Dell Publishing Company; 1967; 110 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The hilarious misadventures of an Ace detective in pursuit of a famous criminal who is planning to steal a valuable diamond.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Gorelick, Molly C. and Graeber, Jean B.; Flood at Dry Creek; (Rescue Series, no. 2); Ward Ritchie Press; 1967; 40 pp.; Illus. with photographs and drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The real-life dangers and suspense of a helicopter pilot's efforts to rescue some people caught in a flood.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Grafton, Ann; I--Roger Ellis, Know-It-All; Young Readers Press; 1969; 128 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

A boy discovers that he doesn't know everything after all and that his Dad really isn't too bad.

1971-72 Personal opinion: poor, not oriented to adults

Gray, Patsey; Horsepower; Young Reader's Press; 1966; 170 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a girl who loved horses and dreamed of owning her own stables but who had to decide between her own dreams and what her father wanted for her.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Hartwick, Harry; The Runaway Ride of Old 88; Little, Brown and Company; 1971; 58 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

The story of a train that was thought to be jinxed.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Hays, Wilma P.; Noko, Captive of Columbus; Coward-McCann; 1967; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a young Indian captured by Columbus and a look at the voyages of Columbus through his eyes.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Head, Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Bojo Jones; New American Library; 1967; 189 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

Explores the bewilderment and tragedy of teen-age pregnancy and marriage.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Hill, Elizabeth Starr; Pardon My Fangs; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; 1969; 78 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The hilarious adventures of Chuck Ellrood who discovers that he is the victim of a family curse which causes him from time to time to become a wolf man and carry out the orders of the Swamp King. He has many humorous adventures in attempting to keep his identity secret.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Honness, Elizabeth; Mystery of the Maya Jade; Lippincott; 1971; 176 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a young couple in Guatemala who becomes involved in the recovery of a rare jade figurine stolen from the Tikal Museum.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Hoopes, Ned E., ed.; The Wonderful World of Horses; Dell Publishing Co.; 1962; 252 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Fifteen stories about horses and the people that work around them.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Household, Geoffrey; The Spanish Cave; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1936; 143 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The dramatic story of the cave of the angels and what it contained.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Hueman, William; Junior Quarterback; Young Reader's Press; 1952; 149 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a boy who had to live up to his father's reputation as an All-American.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

James, Josephine; An Affair of the Heart; Golden Press; 1965; 186 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A romance set against the background of a hospital and a heart research team.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Jordan, Hope Dahle; Haunted Summer; Archway Paperbacks; 1967; 150 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600

Takes a hard look at the pain, on both sides, in a hit and run accident.

1971-72 Field test: fair, not oriented to adults

Kluge, William R.; Moose Island; Steck-Vaughn; 152 pp.; 1958.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The stoyr of two teen-agers who make a summer effort to save the flora and fauna of Moose Island and solve a mystery at the same time. Contains much information on archaeology and conservation.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Knott, Bill; The Dwarf on Black Mountain; Steck-Vaughn; 1967; 160 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An exciting story involving the CIA and communist agents.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Kohn, Bernice; How High Is Up?; Putnam's; 1971; un-numbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Extremely simple book for beginning readers, asking and answering questions like "How rough is rough?" in everyday terms. This book is especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Kohn, Bernice; One Sad Day; The Third Press; 1971; un-numbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

A simple but strong presentation of the idea that war kills. This book is especially recommended.

1971-72 Field test: excellent

Kumin, Maxine W.; When Grandmother Was Young; Putnam's; 1969; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1600 Series

Tells about a young girl's life in the days when radios were just beginning to be seen in homes and women had just been granted the right to vote.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Kumin, Maxine W.; When Mother Was Young; Putnam; 1970; 64 pp.

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Mott 1300-1600 Series

The story of a girl growing up during the second World War and what life was like for a young girl then.

1971-72 Field test: good

Laing, Frederick; The Bride Wore Braids; Scholastic; 1968; 192 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The heartbreakingly real story of a teen-age marriage that nearly ends in disaster.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Lewis, Thomas P.; Hill of Fire; Harper and Row; 1971; 63 pp.

Reading level: Grades 2-5 Mott 1300 and 1600 Series

The story of a Mexican farmer who complained of boredom until one day a volcanoe erupted on his field.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

London, Jack; The Call of the Wild; Collier-Macmillan; 1963; 128 pp.; Illus. with drawings and photographs.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Story of a dog who was taken to Klondike to be a sled dog.

Personal opinion: good

McGivern, Patrick; The Ultimate Auto; Putnam's; 1969; un-numbered pages; Illus. with large drawings.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The humorous story of the ultimate auto; that final car that stops traffic altogether. Especially recommended.

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

Madison, Arnold; Think Wild; Washington Square Press; 1968; 197 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of a teen-ager, his dreams of owning a new car and how bigotry and violence figure into his dreams.

1971-72 Personal opinion: poor, not oriented to adults

Marshall, John Vance; My Boy John that Went to Sea; Ballantine Books; 1966; 125 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The story of man versus the elements told against the background of Antarctica and a whale hunt.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Mathews, Marcia M.; The Freedom Star; Coward-McCann; 1971; 94 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An accurate account of the underground railroad and the people who helped the slaves find freedom.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Morrill, George; Dark Sea Running; (adapted by Laurence Swineburne); McGraw-Hill; 1959; 86 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of life on a sailing vessel told in journal fashion by all the persons on the ship.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Newby, P. H.; The Spirit of Jem; Dell Publishing Company-Yearling Books; 1967; 185 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up Mott 1900 and GED Preparation

The Spirit of Jem is that lust for power which has no respect for individuality or personal integrity and must be destroyed.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Nielsen, Jean; The Phantom Palomino; Young Reader's Press; 1966; 126 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a ghost that turned out to be a horse.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Offit, Sidney; Cadet Quarterback; Young Reader's Press; 1961; 184 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a football star in a military school, who discovers that some things are more important than football.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Ogan, Margaret; Goofy Foot; Young Reader's Press; 1967; 123 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

The thrills and dangers of surfing described with young heroines.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Ogilvie, Elisabeth; Becky's Island; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1961; 127 pp.

Reading level: Grades 7-9 Mott 1900 Series

Equal mixtures of romance and mystery make a story that ladies will enjoy more than men.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Palmer, C. Everard; Old Doc Bitteroot; Bobbs-Merill; 1968; 158 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A quack doctor in a Jamaican village causes trouble with his phony cures.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

Queen, Ellery; The Blue Herring Mystery; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1954; 160 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Two boys looking forward to the annual run of herring in a local river, find themselves in a much more dangerous race.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Ressner, Phil; At Night; E. P. Dutton and Co.; 1967; 32 pp.; Illus. with large black and white photographs.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Presents the special feeling of a city neighborhood at night-enhanced with large photographs. (We highly recommend this book.)

1971-72 Personal opinion: excellent

Ressner, Philip; The Park in the City; Dutton; 1971; un-numbered pages; Illus. with black and white photographs.

Reading level: Grades 2-4 Mott 1300 Series

Talks about parks in cities and what they do for people (We strongly recommend this book)

1971-72 Field test: excellent

Sawyer, Ruth; The Year of Jubilo; Dell Publishing Company; Yearling Books; 1940; 266 pp.

Reading level: Grades 9 and up GED Preparation

A family in Maine struggles to survive but benefits from having had to struggle.

1971-72 Personal opinion: poor, not oriented to adults

Shumsky, Lou and Zena; Shutterbug; Young Reader's Press; 1963; 117 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a boy who turns to photography when the doctor tells him he can no longer participate in sports and how he learns to cope with his handicap.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Stiles, Bert; Serenade to the Big Bird; Ballantine Books; 1947; 150 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

An emotional war story of a young man who believed in fighting for the people and who died in his effort.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Stuart, Morna; Marassa and Midnight; Yearling Books; 1967; 176 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

Twin slave boys are separated by thousands of miles but their desire to be reunited brings them together and helps restore peace to their native island of Haiti.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good, not oriented to adults

Suhl, Yuri; Simon Boom Gives a Wedding; Four Winds Press; 1972; un-numbered pages.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The comical tale of Simon Boom who always gets "the best" no matter how inappropriate, and "the best" food he gets for his daughter's wedding.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Talley, Naomi; The New Cut Road; Hawthorn Books; 1971; 151 pp.

Set in Indian Territory in Oklahoma before it became a state, this is the story of a "rugged individualist" teacher who horrified her friends and neighbors with her outlandish behavior.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Terzian, James; Pete Cass: Scrambler; Doubleday; 1968; 143 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

The story of a young football player who couldn't make himself play football the way his coach wanted him to and how he saved the day for himself.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Walden, Amelia Elizabeth; Daystar; Berkeley Pulbishing Corporation; 1966; 144 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

The story of a group of teen-agers who try to organize to bring the rich and the poor together and their triumphs and disappointments.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Walden, Amelia Elizabeth; When Love Speaks; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1961; 159 pp.

Reading level: Grade 9 and up GED preparation

A romance about a girl working at the American Shakespeare Festival who is confronted with pressures she has never met before.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Wehen, Joy De Weese; The Golden Hill Mystery; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1961; 144 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A colorful mystery and romance set in San Francisco's Chinatown.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Williams, Jeanne; Promise of Tomorrow; Berkeley Publishing Corporation; 1959; 144 pp.

Reading level: Grades 6-9 Mott 1900 Series

A romance with a western background.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair, not oriented to adults

Witheridge, Elizabeth; And What of You, Josephine Charlotte?; Atheneum; 1969; 169 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

Explores the question of slavery through the life of a lovely, intelligent slave girl in the early 19th century.

1971-72 Personal opinion: good

Wright, Theon; The Knife; Adapted by James Olsen; 1968; 83 pp.

Reading level: Grades 4-6 Mott 1600 Series

An adaptation of the novel about an Eskimo village and a man who terrorized the village with his powerful knife.

1971-72 Personal opinion: fair

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